

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Wednesday, June 27, 2007                      3:35 p.m.                      Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Leland. (1/11)**

Representative Brown made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Ball made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bill and resolution before the Committee.

HB 4685    Brown                      Environmental protection; other; booklet regarding farm-related environmental statutes and rules; require departments of agriculture and environmental quality to prepare.

HR 140     Warren                      A resolution designating July 2007 as Michigan Craft Beer Month and commending the Michigan Craft Brewers.

Representative Warren spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HR 140.

Brett VanderKamp, representing the Michigan Brewers Guild, spoke in support of HR 140.

Noah Smith submitted a card indicating support for HR 140.

Representative Byrum made a motion to report HR 140 with recommendation.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Brown reviewed the contents of HB 4685 with the Committee and answered questions.

Liesl Eichler-Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), spoke in support of HB 4685 and answered questions for Committee members.

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke in support of HB 4685.

Representative Angerer made a motion to adopt HB 4685 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Brown made a motion to amend HB 4685 (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 6, after "~~THAN~~" by striking out "**SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**" and inserting "**MAY 1, 2008**".

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Angerer made a motion to report HB 4685 (H-2) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:23 p.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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Proposed